GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:170
ANSWERED ON:04.12.2006
ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE FOR ROAD PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of proposals received from various State Governments particularly from Government of Bihar for getting the environmental clearance for various road projects during the last three years;

(b) the number out of them cleared so far; and

(c) the time by which the remaining proposals are likely to be cleared?

Answer

MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (THIRU A. RAJA)

(a), (b) and (c): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.170 FOR ANSWER ON 04.12.2006 REGARDING ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE FOR ROAD PROJECTS

(a) The Ministry of Environment and Forests has received 39 road project proposals from the various State Governments and the Union Territory of Andaman and Nicobar Islands during the last three years, seeking Environmental Clearance. The number of proposals from the concerned State Governments/Union Territory are; Maharashtra (1), Andhra Pradesh (2), Karnataka (1), Kerala (31), Madhya Pradesh (2), Haryana (1) and Andaman and Nicobar Island (1). No road project proposal has been received from the State Government of Bihar seeking environmental clearance.

(b) Out of the aforesaid 39 proposals, 37 road project proposals have been cleared so far.

(c) Two road proposals pending as on date with the Ministry were received very recently in November, 2006 only. According to the provisions of the Environmental Impact Assessment Notification, 2006 the time required for grant of environmental clearance is 105 days to be counted after the receipt of a complete application with requisite documents, including Environmental Impact Assessment report.